(b) and (c) Government do not consider that this industry is so important as to call for any specific action on their part at present.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Will the Government be pleased to ascertain the nature of the cultivation in the proposed economic survey?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Would it not be wise and prudent to anticipate future demands?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Enquiries are being made.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Are the Government aware that large consignments have been sent to Germany and America?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government have no information.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire about these?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Enquiries will be made.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Do the Government know that it is a growing cottage industry which will provide for many in the rural parts?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is an industry, not an important one.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Without collecting statistics how did the Government come to know that it is not an important industry?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is the opinion of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can the Government kindly collect the statistics even before the economic survey is instituted, since that seems to be a sort of shelving the issues here?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I will try to get the information.

Construction of bridge over Veliyathaparamba.

509. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether contract was given for the construction of a bridge over Veliyathaparamba canal in Nayarambalam;

(2) whether the work of the bridge has been stopped;

(3) if so, by whom was the work stopped;

(4) why was the work stopped;

(5) are the Government aware of the great inconvenience of the public owing to the absence of such a bridge;

(6) will the work be carried out this year itself?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes, temporarily.

(3) By the Registrar of Village Panchayats.

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(4) A complaint petition was received from the Paliam Manager, raising certain objections regarding the site selected for the bridge. Pending disposal of this petition the work has been held in abeyance.

(5) Yes.

(6) Yes, if possible.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What was the objection raised by the Manager?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—That this bridge is very close to the Paliam temple and that all sorts of people that have to go to the temple will be polluted.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are not people passing through that place even now?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—All sorts of people have been passing through that road.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is the temple polluted now?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I did not enquire about that.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—On this complaint did the Government make any investigation?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes, necessary investigations are made.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are the petitions disposed of?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Not yet.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What is the delay?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Further enquiries are being made to see whether a slight change in the alignment of the road can be made.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Why should a change be made if people are passing along that road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—They have not yet decided whether the alignments should be changed or not.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—How long was this road in existence?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I want notice.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—100 years?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No information.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—When did the temple come into existence?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Notice.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is it the policy of the Government when a private party complaints to change the alignment of the road or stop the construction of a bridge?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We have not changed the alignment or stopped the construction of the bridge. We are considering.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What is the necessity for temporarily stopping the work?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael.—To inquire whether the complaint is reasonable.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Cannot even depressed classes pass along that path without polluting the temple ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is quite possible.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What is the objection for not putting up the bridge ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—When there is a complaint, it is the duty of the Government to inquire into it.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Is the road adjoining the temple poramboke ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is not the complaint absurd ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it not a Government poramboke ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is considered as poramboke.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Which is considered as poramboke ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The road leading to the poramboke thodu.

Housing the Narakkal Dispensary.

510. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) are the Government aware that Narakkal Dispensary is having the highest average attendance of out-patients of all the hospitals and dispensaries in the State;

(2) are the Government aware that the dispensary building is in a very unsatisfactory condition;

(3) was there not a proposal to construct a building for the dispensary,

(4) if so, when was the proposal made;

(5) did not the Government approve the proposal;

(6) did the Government provide any fund to carry out the proposal;

(7) do the Government intend to house the dispensary in a proper building?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) It comes next to the General Hospital. The number of out-patients attending the Narakkal Dispensary is very high.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(4) In 1105 and in the subsequent years.

(5) Yes.

(6) No.

(7) Yes, when funds are available.

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